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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Legislative Assembly will meet this afternoon for the transaction of business, which will commence with 12 questions. There are 12 Government orders on the day, the first being the second reading of the Civil Service Act Amendment Bill, which was laid upon the table last Thursday. The next order on the paper is the reception of the resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the additional Estimates; and the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Vine Disease Bill is the fifth order of the day. The Government hope to introduce the Appropriation Bill to-night.

Two returns were laid upon the table of the Assembly last week, while, of all only nominal public interest, have cost a very considerable sum in printing. One of these returns, having reference to the subsidy under the railway line at Alfreton, Ashfield, and was moved for by Mr. Hancock, and the other return which was introduced at the instance of Mr. Abigail, contains copies of all minutes, letters, reports, plans, or other documents having reference to the erection of the wharf at Putney Point, Parramatta River. The total cost of printing over 800 copies of the returns amounted approximately to £52 7s. 3d.

A SUPPLEMENT to the Government Gazette contains a petition for the erection of the locality known as Onbygama which is a suburb of Newcastle, into a municipality under the name of the "Municipal District of Carrington."

As will be seen from information published in another column a very serious landslip is threatened at a cutting near Ben Lomond, on the Great Northern Railway, in consequence of the recent heavy rains. If the worst fears with regard to it were realised such a body of rock and debris would fall on the line to obstruct traffic for several weeks; but the Superintendent of Permanent Way telegraphed yesterday morning that as the weather had become fine he entertained great hopes that the slip would not occur, and that traffic would not be interrupted.

To-morrow the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Glen Innes to Tenterfield will be officially opened, and in another column a detailed description of the line is given. His Excellency the Governor, Lord Carrington, purposed leaving Sydney by the steamship Namoi at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The sale of Crown lands at the Field of Mars, which was commenced on the 2nd October, was continued on Saturday, when the lots remaining unsold after the first day's auction were submitted for competition. The weather during the afternoon was intensely disagreeable, a drizzling rain and a cold, bleak wind rendering the unsold lots a very unpleasant resort for the few scores of people who had journeyed from the metropolis. Altogether 150 lots of building land, ranging in size from 1 rood 16 perches to 2½ acres were placed under offer by Mr. Pile (Messrs. Mills and Pile), and of these 120 found purchasers. A block of land measuring 1 rood 16 perches, situated at the corner of Norfolk and Pitt-streets, realled £90 per acre, the lowest price being £10. Several lots with frontages to Kent and Somersett streets, and 1 or 2 corner allotments, were sold at from £50 to £57 an acre, but the general price was from £30 to £40. The lowest price was £15 an acre for some of the larger blocks, with frontages to Stanley-street. The total value of the sales was £3000.

The strong southerly weather which prevailed on Saturday and Friday, continued on Saturday and Sunday, but the rain was neither so constant nor so heavy. On Saturday and yesterday only a very little fell. Towards evening the wind moderated considerably, and was from west to south-west, with a prospect of the weather clearing up, but later on clouds came up in dense masses from the southward, and the sky continued to wear a threatening look during the remainder of the night. The telegram on Saturday morning indicated that in the western division of the colony the weather was fine with scattered clouds; and in the eastern division overcast and threatening, with light rain and showers in the south coast districts and on the ranges in the north. Yesterday telegrams showed that in several parts of the colony, chiefly in the south and west, the weather continued wet, but in other parts there were signs of it taking up. At 8 p.m. the coastal reports were to the effect that the sea was moderate from Ballina to Port Macquarie, heavy from Manning Heads to Newcastle, with the wind south-west, and generally rough along the coast to the southward of Sydney, with the wind from south-west and south.

In our issue of Saturday there appeared a cablegram from London, stating that the Times considers that the New South Wales exhibits of tweeds at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition compare favourably with the best English tweeds, and outdo the colonial woolen manufacturers generally. The exhibit from our colony above referred to was manufactured by Messrs. Vicars and Co. of the Seven-Stocks Woolen Mills, to the order of the wool committee of the New South Wales Commission, and comprised the following descriptions of goods—Indigo blues, buckskins, hair-cords, check, twills, and cricketing tweeds, native brown tweeds (made from black sheep's wool, and entirely without dye), also, ladies' shawls. The manufacturers, especially, are pleased with the wool used, and when the goods were finished they were inspected and cordially approved by the wool committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. G. Higgins, J.P., of Kickerbell, Quirindi. A similar exhibit was prepared by Messrs. Vicars and Co. at the instance and to the order of the New South Wales commissioners for the Calcutta International Exhibition, where it received the award of a first-class certificate and silver medal. The manufactured woolens in this particular instance were of a description prepared with special reference to their adaptability to the climate of India, and on its being returned to Sydney the collection was, with the approval of the Government, handed over to the Technological Museum, Outer Domain, where it is now on view.

The fifth event in connection with the jubilee municipal gathering took place on Saturday, when the municipal representatives and their wives, numbering upwards of 400, engaged in a trip over the Blue Mountains, at the invitation of the Mayor of Sydney. This afternoon they will be entertained at a garden party at Miss Young's, at that lady's residence, Annandale.

The Rev. Dr. Jas. Ferrier delivered at the Pitt-street Congregational Church, last evening, the third of a series of lectures on the Socialism of Christianity, deal-

ing particularly with the subject of "Christ and Labour." A report of the lecture is given in another column.

The steamship *Wendouree* arrived here on Saturday afternoon. She left Melbourne with passengers and cargo for this port on Tuesday, and had an uneventful passage until reaching Montague Island, when bad weather set in, and by the time she was off Bulli a heavy southerly gale was blowing with very thick weather, and a high and rising sea. It was then discovered that the vessel was short of coal, and as she was very light, having only a small quantity of cargo, and the weather seemed to get worse, Captain Roberts hauled her off the land until Saturday, when she made the port in safety. The *Wendouree* was not damaged in her encounter with the elements, and her passengers arrived all well. The steaming *Inflexible* was sent in search of the *Wendouree* on Saturday morning; and, on the 10th, G. R. Dibbs being informed of the facts of the case, he at once gave instructions for the Government steamer *Thetis* to be despatched to assist in the search. No time was lost by Captain Hutton in getting his vessel ready for sea, but when she arrived at the floating jetty, Circular Quay, from Darling Harbour, the signal announcing that the *Wendouree* was off the Heads was hoisted.

Despite the heavy weather prevailing, the steamer *Bega*, with the members of the Marine Board on board, is making good progress along the coast. She left Nelson's Bay at 8.35 on Saturday; passed Seal Rocks at 1.20 p.m., Cape Hawke at 3.30 p.m., and Manning Heads at 4.30 p.m. Yesterday she was reported as having left Trial Bay at 5.20 p.m., bound north.

The members of the Royal Commission for the Conservation of Water, who have during the past four weeks been taking evidence along the Darling River below Bourke, and as far down as Wentworth, returned to Sydney by the overland express on Saturday. The commissioners who returned were Messrs. F. B. Gipps, C.E., and J. R. Donkin, J.P., together with Mr. J. S. Ramsay, secretary to the commission; Professor Horatio Gilbert Parker, of Canada; Mr. C. Daykin, photographer, who took a number of photographs of points of special interest, for the commission; and representatives of the Sydney morning papers. The commissioners have taken some very valuable evidence relative to the lake systems on the Lower Darling, and also to the waste of water between Bourke and the junction of the Darling with the Murray River. The country throughout looks like a garden, excepting where the waters have overflowed the river banks, stretching across country in places for ten or fifteen miles, forming what has the appearance of an inland sea. The return journey was made via Adelaide and Melbourne, the Governments of the two sister colonies courteously franking the party along the railway lines. At Adelaide, the commissioners were met on their arrival by Mr. Jones, Conservator of Water. On their arrival at Melbourne, on Thursday night, they were met by the Hon. Mr. Deskin and Mr. W. Madden, members of the Victorian Water Commission, together with Mr. Stuart Murray, Chief Engineer of Water Supply.

The following is the order of musical service at St. Andrew's Cathedral this afternoon—Magnificat, Hopkins, in F; Nunc Dimittis, Hopkins, in F; anthem, "O, pray for the people of Jerusalem," Goss.

Mrs. WICKEN, the well-known author of "The Kingwood Cookery Book," who has taken a diploma in fine arts at the Royal Academy, has given a course of lectures on cooking of the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The course will commence on Tuesday next with the subject of "Breakfast Dishes," a matter with which every head of a household is greatly concerned. The very reasonable fee will be £10, and the course will consist of a good number of lectures on the care of the kitchen, the preparation of the skilful and economical preparation of their daily food.

The following is the report of the Prince Alfred Hospital for the week ending 16th instant.—Number of in-patients at last report, 1166, of whom 66 were dead, 10 females, 100 males; discharged 21 males, 15 females; died, 2 males; remaining in hospital on 16th instant, 101 males, 49 females; number of out-patients treated during the week, 202; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 122.

his face immersed in the water, which reached the brink of the well. About 10 minutes previously his married daughter had seen him standing near the spot, and the discovery was made by his son-in-law, Henry Davis. The master was reported to the City Coroner, who will probably hold an inquest to-day at the Salutation Hotel, Botany-road. The deceased, who was 70 years of age, had been subject to fits for two years, and during the past month these had become so frequent that those near him had placed a watch on him for fear of accidents.

The dead body of a newly-born female infant was found in Belmont Park early yesterday morning by Constable Lukes. It was wrapped in a piece of calico and a newspaper. The body, which was fully developed, bore no marks of violence. Dr. Markey, who examined it at the South Sydney morgue, was unable to say whether it had been born alive or not. The occurrence was reported to the City Coroner.

The TEST OF AUSTRALIAN TIMBERS.

## LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]  
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

## THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

The Standard comments upon the slarsity which was exhibited in subscribing to the New Zealand loan, and cautions the authorities of the Bank of England for "propping up a spendthrift colony."

THE TEST OF AUSTRALIAN TIMBERS.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

In commenting upon the results of the recent test of Australian timbers at the works of Messrs. A. Ransome and Sons, Chisenhale, the journal representing the timber trades states that the experiment showed that colonial woods are suitable for the English market, especially in the manufacture of furniture.

BANK OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of South Australia was held yesterday. The directors' report, which was adopted, places the profits at £48,500, out of which it is proposed to apply £27,500 to writing off bad and doubtful debts, chiefly the latter. It is unlikely that any further withdrawal from the reserves will be required. Branches of the bank are to be opened in Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane.

THE POSTAL QUESTION.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

Sir Saul Samuel is in communication with the British Post Office authorities regarding the proposed reduction in the rates of postage between England and Australia.

PROPOSED BANQUET TO MESSRS. BOSISTO AND THOMSON.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

It is intended to give a banquet to Messrs. Joseph Bosisto, C.M.G., and James Thomson, the Executive Commissioner and Secretary respectively to the Victorian Court at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

THE NEWMARKET SECOND OCTOBER MEETING.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

The Champion Stakes of 20 sovs. each, with 700 added, was run at Newmarket yesterday, with the following result:—

Duke of Westminster's Ormonde, 3 years. 1  
Mr. Manton's Oberon, 3 years. 3  
Prince Soltykoff's Argo Navis, 3 years. 3

THE LONDON POGR.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The appeal which was lately made to the Australian colonists in London by Dr. How, Bishop of Bedford, for the relief of the London poor, has not met with any substantial response.

BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL FOR THE PACIFIC.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Sir Charles Mitchell, the new Governor of Fiji, has been gazetted as British Consul-General for the Pacific.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Serious floods have taken place in Texas, and an extensive tract of country is inundated. Two hundred persons have been drowned.

EXTENSIVE FLOODS IN TEXAS.

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THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The banquet which is to be given to Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor of Queensland, prior to his departure from England, on his return to Queensland, will be attended by the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Dunraven (Under Secretary for the Colonies), and Sir Charles Mitchell, the new Governor of Fiji.

RESIGNATION OF THE FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

M. Sadi-Carnot, Minister of Finance in the French Government, has resigned.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

THE VISIT OF LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL TO VIENNA.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

The statement previously telegraphed to the effect that Lord Randolph Churchill had proceeded to Vienna has proved to be correct. He left Vienna to-day en route for Paris.

THE ELECTIONS IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Oct. 16.

The elections for the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec have just been concluded. The returns show that the French party have gained a substantial majority, involving the defeat of the present Government.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, Oct. 15.

The Hova Government have sent a communication to the French Resident in Madagascar, requesting him to construct a line of telegraph from Tamatave to Antananarivo, the capital. They are also sending 14 Malagasy youths to France for the purpose of learning arts and trades and military drill.

THE LATE MILITARY REVOLT IN MADRID.

MADRID, Oct. 15.

The state of siege which was declared here on the revolt of the garrison has now been raised by order of the Government.

THE FROZEN MEAT TRADE.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 14.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer *Riunita*, from Lyttelton 23rd September, arrived this evening. Her cargo of frozen meat, consisting of 16,000 carcasses, is in good condition.

THE S.S. TONGARIRO.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 15.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer *Tongariro*, from Plymouth 26th September, arrived this afternoon.

THE M.M.S. CALEDONIAN.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

The *Messageries* steamer *Caledonian* passed Port Said to-day, homeward, being two days in advance of contract date.

ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. THALIA in HOBSON'S BAY.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

H.M.S. *Thalia* anchored in the bay to-day, en route from Plymouth for Sydney, with officers and relieving crew for the Squadron on the Australian Station. After transferring these, and embarking time-expired men, the *Thalia* will return to England. She has called in here for a supply of coal, and unless instructions are received from Sydney from Admiral Tryon, the *Thalia* will proceed thenceforth.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]  
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

Professor McCoy has left by the R.M.S. *Potosi* for London on six months' leave of absence owing to ill-health.

The drawbacks branch of the Customs Department has been reorganized. The Commissioner has already had evidence of the good effects of the alterations, and further changes are being made to protect the revenue as far as possible. One important change which has been introduced is the employment of experts who check goods on the permanent staff, instead of allowing them to receive fees from traders whose exports they deal with.

Mr. Michael Cashmore, one of the oldest colonists died to-day. He was for many years inspector of the most markets for the City Council and Central Board of Health. He arrived in Sydney in 1838. He had taken part in various public movements, and was identified with many early reminiscences.

George James Porter, while marking in the rifle butts at Beechworth on Saturday, was shot dead by a bullet fired by his brother, Alfred Porter, during club bullet. The bullet went through his head, and also struck the tarsal. Alfred Porter has been arrested as a matter of form. An inquiry will be held to-morrow.

The formal opening of the yachtng season took place on Saturday. The Royal Yacht Club fleet went on a cruise down the

## ARRIVAL OF THE S.S. WENDOUREE.

All anxiety as to the safety of the Wendooree, which left Melbourne for Sydney on Tuesday last, was set at rest on Saturday afternoon, when the signal was hoisted at Flagstaff Hill showing that she was off the Heads south-east, distant 15 miles, at 3:45 p.m. Her progress towards the Heads was watched by a number of people interested with great interest, and when it was seen that she was to all appearances none the worse for her long voyage, considerable relief was felt. There was a heavy sea on, but the ship though light, seemed to behave well, and at 5:40 p.m. she steamed through the Heads at a good rate of speed. As soon as she reached the New Zealand Wharf, where a number of friends of the passengers and others were waiting, those on board were eagerly questioned as to their voyage. The answers were of the most satisfactory kind, everybody was well on board, the ship was not damaged, and beyond the carpenter being slightly injured, no mishap of any kind had occurred. The delay in the Wendooree's appearance was due simply to the fact that she had run short of coal, and as the weather at the time this was discovered was very thick and forbidding she had stood out to sea. Captain Roberts was warmly congratulated on his safe arrival, and his prudence in standing out to sea when he found his fuel running out. In the following statement which he made to a reporter from this journal, a full description of the voyage is given. The Wendooree, which is a steel screw steamer of 1640 tons gross register, and 1066 net, belongs to Messrs. Huldrick, Parker, and Co., of Melbourne and Sydney, and is well known in the intercolonial trade, having been engaged in it ever since she arrived here four years ago. She is staunch and well found, and on Tuesday last she left Melbourne at 10 a.m. and arrived this noon for Sydney with passengers and a general cargo. She was light, not having much cargo, but not unusually light. The weather was fine and the voyage was uneventful until 1:30 p.m. when the weather became threatening, with a heavy wind. When the Wendooree was off Montague Island at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, there was a strong and increasing wind from S.E., with very thick weather, and the barometer read at 20.40. By the time the vessel was off Hulls, at 4:30 p.m., the wind was blowing very hard, with a strong sea and thick clouds, and as the engine went to Captain Roberts and informed him that there was only sufficient to last seven hours steaming, the latter resolved, at 6 p.m., not being able to pick up Sydney light to stand out to sea. The vessel was accordingly headed out to sea, and when she was about 15 miles from the coast he had to give up his fortitude from slavery by the surrender of his own freedom. In the end, however, he makes the Greeks the allies and friends of the Greeks, and is rewarded for all his sufferings. As Partenio, "A's Eusevius," with much spirit. She has got the measure of the compass, making it discourse sweet music.

## AMUSEMENTS.

## NEW OPERA HOUSE.

Maria Lovell's new opera, *Almanzor*, the Barbary, was revived at this theatre on Saturday. Let us say at once that it was artistically a great success, if we may judge by the curtain call. The music, however, was not so good as the first night's performance. The Greek myth of Almanzor, the leader of a company of pirates, is one of the most picturesque elements with which the author has endowed the drama. The piece through the many repetitions. There are so many good waltzes as only to add the ever fresh and melodic tones of Louis Niedermeyer, the conductor, to say nothing of Valdeneff, that it is hard to be thrown back upon the unmelodiousness of the "Zigzag" and "Tranway Gallop." It is the duty of the management to raise the tone of the public rather than to sink them. At 10:30 last night as yet too good, which had not accepted the selection, advanced over it, it behaved below the average taste, and until the band is throughout of a more even quality, it is safer to close pieces in which the solo parts relieve the mass of the players. The wretched state of the orchestra naturally will be only apparent in a competition, and should be avoided for the "Inflammeus," from Rossini's beautiful "Stabat Mater." This is a lovely work, which, even by those who affirm that the music is two seasons for the subject, is allowed to be full of grace and beauty, and which, under the direction of Mr. Niedermeyer, with English rye grass, cockspur, prairie and red clover, he had 100 acres, which averaged about ten tons per acre, and which kept sheep fully fat during the winter, whereas, if they had been fed with bush grass, they would probably have been fat in summer. The grass, however, especially in the Mores district, would grow much better, and that it would greatly benefit the farmers. The average cost of irrigation was £2 per acre for ploughing, seedling, and rolling. The principle is being largely adopted.

## THE MARINE BOARD INSPECTION OF LIGHTHOUSES.

## [BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Water Conservation Commission prior to leaving for Tenterfield to-day, took evidence from Mr. Henry McCreary, an experienced station manager, formerly of Tasmania. His information related to the growing of English grasses in Australia, and he detailed the remarkable success achieved, particularly at St. Georges, near Gisborne, with English rye grass, cockspur, prairie and red clover. He had 100 acres, which averaged about ten tons per acre, and which kept sheep fully fat during the winter, whereas, if they had been fed with bush grass, they would probably have been fat in summer. The grass, however, especially in the Mores district, would grow much better, and that it would greatly benefit the farmers. The average cost of irrigation was £2 per acre for ploughing, seedling, and rolling. The principle is being largely adopted.

## THE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN THE NORTH.

## [BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

## GLEN INNES, SATURDAY.

## [BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

## THE SYDNEY RIFLE CLUB.

## MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The following sales were reported in mining veins in Nevada Silver, 3x 2x. Subjoined are the following:-

Buyer. Seller. Buyer. Seller. Buyer. Seller.

Bull. Coal. ... 10 Silver King. ... 10-5

Burwood. ... 10-5 Nevada Silver. ... 10-5

E. East. ... 10-5 10-5 paid. 17-20

Instructor. Hickwood. ... 10-5 10-5 paid. 17-20

J. Young. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

W. Roberts. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

J. West. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

W. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

J. Patterson. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

R. Sheridan. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

H. G. Armstrong. ... 10-5 10-5 10-5 10-5

Johnstone. ... 10-







